Attachment 20B - Funds Balance With Treasury Under a Continuing Resolution

Continuing resolutions (CRs) are joint resolutions (passed by the House and the Senate and signed by the President) that provide continuing appropriations for a fiscal year (FY) when Congress has not yet passed one or more appropriations bills for the FY or when the President has vetoed congressionally passed appropriations bills. Lacking appropriations, most programs can not incur new obligations.

Continuing Resolutions usually do not appropriate specific sums of money. Instead the CRs provide "formulas" for calculating the amounts available for continuing programs at minimal levels. After a CR is enacted into law, the Office of Management and Budget will issue a bulletin to automatically apportion amounts made available by the CR.

Generally, warrants are not issued under a CR in anticipation that the appropriation act will be passed. Continuing resolutions generally do not extend beyond the first quarter of the FY. If a CR is still in effect at the end of a reporting period, though a warrant may not be issued, Fund Balance With Treasury (FBWT) Under Continuing Resolution (USSGL 1090) and unexpended appropriations must be recorded. The prescribed entries for recognizing FBWT under a CR and unexpended appropriations may be found at: http://www.fms.treas.gov/ussgl/current.html#Section%203. Refer to transaction scenarios A196 through A199. It is critical that DoD entities follow closely the guidance and formulas for the recognition of FBWT and unexpended appropriations under a CR.

Note that FBWT (USSGL 1010) is not posted by Treasury to its Central Accounting System until a warrant is processed. Under CR, USSGL 1010 will continue to be used to post disbursements and collections by reporting entities in source systems. USSGL 1010 can over-disburse under a CR without a violation of the Anti-Deficiency Act as long as the sum of accounts 1010 and 1090 are positive. Both accounts are mapped to FBWT on the Balance Sheet, thus FBWT on the Balance Sheet should never reflect an abnormal balance.

Amounts recognized for FBWT under CR will also be reflected in footnote 3 tables for FBWT and Status of FBWT. Note also that USSGL 1090 account will not be reported in FACTSII.